

A Bunch of 'Mums That Makes Bright the Living Room

For worms in flower pots, take one

easpoonful of ground white pepper to

In the hands of an experienced per-

Begonias must have heat, a moist

atmosphere and shade. The dust and

dryness of the air of the average sit-

ting room is very unfavorable to them.

To keep the air moist have a water-

tight tray of zinc, of any desired size,

and keen it full of water, with a little

charcoal in it to keep it sweet. Set a

brick in the water and rest the pots on

Some roses—the Crimson Rambler

ammoniacal solution of copper carbon-

ate, applied faithfully with the spray-

er about every two or three weeks, or

lons of water, is a good spray. In

some cases nothing serves to do any

If the home gardener would take

more interest in making the home sur-

roundings attractive it would be a

good investment for him. Plant hardy

shrubs and dwarf trees and note the

little and saturate the soil.

## HANDLING FLOWER POTS

BY IDA M. SHEPLER.

ers we know are cheap. Five apiece, and four of these fasthe discarded legs of an old hed, or even if these are not at hand, four pieces of square pine wood on which you can nail a long

This is really a good stand on which o slip your window plants in their plant may result from using it too pots. Fill the shallow box half full of strong, or when the plant is at rest. and, bed the pots in this sand, which bsorbs the moisture from the pots, saving the carpet below and sending some of it back into the plant roots. Of course the bex should be painted a

I have seen for this arrangement the ion of the legs painted green and the box done in lattice like stripes of white and green. Make the box as the brick. ong as you have room each side of he window (not measuring just the for instance-seem particularly liable window space itself), as then one can to mildew. If outdoors, the disease diernate the pots, bringing the end may be kept in check by using the pits in turn to the middle and direct

rost as well as heat, flowers often get alpped. A box for plants resting on it. easters is easily drawn away from the

These casters are also a convenience when sweeping about the window, Any good. woman who keeps house plants in her room can herself, make two or three window boxes, legs and all, picked up

from where carpenters are building. These boxes, of course, are used nainly in windows that are kept for the saving of plants for spring, and yet lowers, which, banked back of a winlow, give an effective picture of beauty to the passer-by as well as to the in-

mates of the room For a small window, and one from which you must get light for the room, be sparing of the plants. There is nothing pretty in a dark room, the cause of which is the window literally hung and placed full of all manner of foliage.

It is such a mistake to fill up a winlow so full of plants and vines in winter that one can neither get light for reading nor sight of the prettier world outside. A few plants, in a small winlow, artistically arranged, is a much happier scheme.

If you are buying winter plants from the florist, don't unwrap the roots until ready to pot them, but be sure to give the soil in which the plant roots are bedded, plenty of water-keep them itterally soaked in water, and by the time you are ready to not, if it be but two hours after, you will find the plant wonderfully refreshed.

It pays to get fresh, strong bulbs each fall. From these, if they are given proper treatment, you can be reasonably sure of fine flowers.

Grow flowers for others. Be generous with them. Many a heartache has been eased by a gift of a flower or blooming plant.



fore. The area of the country is 33.- Scotland. Belgrade and Nish, most of the popu- costly character. lation is rural, and 85 per cent, at farms referred to where the wooden plow used in the days of Xenophon may be seen in daily use.

This primitive state of agriculture organization or systematic agricultural education. Modern methods have only been introduced in a tentative way during the last ten years, but WORK AMONG THE FLOWERS technical instruction in dairying, fruit farming, silk cultivation, wine growing and similar subjects is given. Tobaca quart of briling water; or, two teaspoonfuls of ground strong mustard to a quart of boiling water. Let cool a try are comparatively small, the largest amount being sent to Austria-Hunson liquid manure is a great value; but in the hands of a novice disaster to the

real are consumed in the country in ness in his house

last ten years than for centuries be produced so largely in the south of 891 square miles, the population being | The national customs of rural Serover four and a half millions, mostly bia are very quaint. The marriage

professing the Greek orthodox faith. ceremonies, for example, are of the The inhabitants are largely devoted to most elaborate character; the bride is agricultural pursuits and, as a conse-selected by the parents of the bride than the resurrection (see I Cor. 15:4quence, there are very numerous small groom, and this is looked upon as befarms in existence which belong to ing quite in the natural order of hu | The all sufficient proof was that during the farmers, and by the law of prime- man affairs; but all the ceremonies in geniture descend from father to son. connection with marriage are of the Although there are two large towns, most elaborate and, for that matter. Christmas ceremonies also are very least, are engaged in agriculture; elaborate and are reminiscent of Pa-

but it is of a primitive kind, as may gan rites. One of the customs is to be witnessed any day on the small cut down a tree in the forest, and in falling it must lie to the east. In every household such a tree is cut into three portions, and is looked upon as being sacred and not to be touched. is largely due to the absence of any There is much throwing of wheat, which has a certain symbolic significance, and the log is then placed on the fire, while, at the same time, the inevitable pig is roasted for a feast. there are no agricultural colleges yet | The ceremonies continue during in existence, although there are a Christmas day, which is given up to number of model farms which are sub- feasting, mingled with religious exsidized by the state, and in which hortations, and only come to an end when the night is far advanced. People Are Superstitious.

As a nation the Serbians are exis produced to some extent, but tremely superstitious, and this feais not very much exported, and in- ture runs through the whole of their seed the total exports from the coun- national customs, whether it is in the laving out of a house or in the preparation for death; but the Serbian farmer does not fear death, as he The principal crop raised is maize, usually prepares the boards for his and very large quantities of this ce- own coffin and keeps them in readi-

the poor. It is a high holiday for the

beggars, and they are not slow to take

consisting as it does, largely of wine

kraut notatoes onions and the nods

of capsicum, known in Serbia as "pap-

rika," there is little need to sell the

modities. All these and others are

ens of the one-storied houses which

Although the houses in the country

South Africa's Demand for Films.

from the Persians, but Pirot carpets

almost impossible to wear them out.

Sick? Nonsense!

The ocean liner was rolling like a

person regarded the healthy one with

hanging over the front of the bont to

Ready for the Day.

Little Elsie entered the parior one

morning and her quick eye discovered

that the slip coverings had been re-

Neglect Their Opportunity.

The reason some speakers are not

see how the captain cranks ti!"

moving picture films weekly.

to mature.

take place.



THE ROAD FROM USKUB TO KUSTENDIL

the manufacture of maize bread and | In the country villages it is the cus oftener, if the case seems to require ground maize forms the basis. Hyposulphate of soda, used in the

dietary, more especially in the towns. Pork, however, in the fresh and in the cured state, is used everywhere, and advantage of the occasion. every farmer, small or large, is a | In the country districts there is very grower of pigs, the type preferred be- little use for money, as the farms, being the Mangalicza breed, which has ing small, are utilized for the producthe characteristic of producing deep tion of food for the winter, and this layers of fat along the back, which is cut into long strips, slightly salted brandy produced from plums, sauerand used in the place of butter. So important is the pork-curing industry considered in Serbia that the govern ment subsidizes the curing establishments and in several ways gives concessions to the curers of pig meat. The salt required in the business is purposes, there being a state mononoly of salt in the country.

Sheep Rank Next to Pigs.

Some of the customs in connection with agriculture are very interesting, to the hospitality which is a tradition among them being the universal co-operation of the farmers in annually sending their sheep to the hills. The lands. The industries of Serbia are sheep industry ranks next to that of pigs, and wool is produced in consid- and this unfortunately is the result of ples he ascended even as Enoch erable quantity. Serbian mutton is noted also in eastern countries, and years was enforced by the governing 9:28, R. V.). The query must naturalbefore the war was much in demand in Constantinople.

But the principal use of the sheep is to produce milk, from which a great variety of cheeses is made. The farmers who are the owners of the sheep unite together to employ one or more shenherds, who take charge of their flocks and milk them while they are on the hills. The shepherds are also responsible for making the cheese out. of the milk, and pay themselves for their trouble by taking a certain percentage of the produce, the remainder being divided among the farmers, ac- has 141 members fighting at the front

Drill Amenities. Mayor John Purroy Mitchel said at have qualities all their own. Colors

a dinner in New York: "The memories of camp life are a very pleasant thing to any soldier. Even the little vivacities of camp life seem in the retrospect pleasant enough.

"Thus I often laugh about a banker who was being drilled daily one day at Plattsburg by a broker-sergeant. 'What'll you give me,' said the broker-sergeant, an old Yale end, 'if I take that hump off your back?" all the scorn he could muster. "Sick 'I'll give you,' the banker an nothing!" he snorted weakly. "I'm just swered with a tart laugh, 'something to make your hair grow, sarge."

Pirot Famous for Carpets.

Pirot is the center of an important Serbian industry. Pirot carpets, blue and red, are to be found in every Serblan home, and have gained fame bemoved from the furniture. "Look yond the Balkans. They nearly ait | mamma!" she exclaimed. "Someone are made in private houses, entirely has taken the nightles off the chairs." by hand, often without even a shuttle, the workers using no patterns, but artistic instinct producing parmonious results. The art has been acquired, no humorous more frequently is that they loubt, from the Turks, who learned it | neglect to try to be serious

Tyranny of Power.

believes it wron; to assert the right

of individual judgment, and to main-

and speech and action against the

tyranny of his own or any party. Till

burdedsome as the main object of an

No citizen can do a higher duty

The End of All Things. Man with Paper-"Here's a preacher in Syracuse, N. Y., who declares that old party becomes more and more the the time will come when there will be no liars in the world." Pessimist-"Well the world is due to end some vivid principles on which new parties | time."-Canadian Courier.

## INTERNATIONAL ness

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 2 THE ASCENDING LORD.

LESSON TEXT-Acts 1:1-14.
GOLDEN TEXT-When he ascended on

igh, he led captivity captive, and gave ifts unto men.-Eph. 4:8.

LESSON

More and more we are convinced that the great trouble with Christians is that the life of Jesus for them closes with the gospels. We seem to fail to comprehend that he is living today as much and even more than he was nineteen hundred years ago. The Book of Acts is a continuation of the Gospels (v. 1), and is vet a closed book.

1. The Proof of the Resurrection,

vv. 1-3. (1) Its reality. No better

proved event is recorded in history 8); it stands absolutely unchallenged. "forty days" his disciples had talked with him concerning the kingdom Note, it was only his disciples who beheld, his enemies never saw him after Calvary. (2) Its burden. Just before his ascension Jesus (v. 2) gave his disciples definite instructions, commandments (Matt. 28:19, 20, etc.) (a) to tarry in Jerusalem, (b) to be clothed with power, (c) to go forth and to proclaim or herald his gospel. During those intervening days of waiting for the endowment with power they alone knew the gospel and men were perishing, which gives point to the necessity of receiving the spirit before undertaking the work of witnessing. To many the idea of "the kingdom" is nothing more than the question of salvation, whereas to be saved is but to enter into his kingdom. The agent to carry on his work in the kingdom is the Holy Spirit. II. The Promise of the Father, vv.

4-8. Read carefully Joel 2:28, Isa 44:3, and compare with Luke 24:49, and also the words of the Baptizer, Luke 3:16. (1) To receive the Holy Spirit is an obligation upon all, they were "charged not to depart from Jerusalem" (v. 4) (See also Eph. 5:18). (b) The reception is to be preceded by repentance for sin, though the conession of sin and the acknowledgment of Christ as Savior is only possible through the spirit (I Cor. 12:3). (c) With the spirit comes power, authority (v. 7). This power is of God, it is spiritual, it is not "temporal" nor of the church. The kingdom is a spiritual idea (Luke 17:21) and the vice-regent of that kingdom is the Holy Spirit. The program of Jesus is 'spirit-filled men as witnesses" and beginning at Jerusalem." This promise of Jesus (v. 8) suggested to the disciples the restoration of Israel to its place among the nations and in his reply he intimates that such is a possibility (see Isa. 1:25-27, Ezek. 36:23many other preparations in which tom to give a kind of feast five times 28, Hosea. 3:4, 5, Joel 3:16-21, Amos Savior, is not of a sound mind. The Of Falling Hair Get Cuticura. It in the year for the souls of departed 9:11-15), but in a most emphatic man- prodigal was not in his right mind The flesh consumed is principally heads of households, and food and ner he tells them that of that hour when he demanded his father's goods pork, although mutton, goat and beef drink, including wine, are placed on God has reserved to himself the mter to some extent into the daily the graves and afterwards given to knowledge (Matt. 24:36, Mark 3:22). When they were to receive the kingdom he does not tell, but when they should receive power he tells them plainly, viz: when the spirit should come upon them. The spirit is not for mere happiness or gratification, but comes upon us for usefulness (see 4:8-12, 31, 33, 5:32, 9:17, 29) and that beginning at home, in Jerusalem, then to the ends of the earth. A spirit-filled Christian or church is a good home missionary and foreign evangelproduce in order to buy other com- ist as well. Finishing his message, he lifted his hands and in benediction he stored in the cellars, but in the kitch- ascended on high, and this act has ever since been continued. His ascensubject to a rebate of 50 per cent of are the general rule, bacon, hams and sion is a blessed historical fact, fully its value, as it is used for industrial saited meat are hung up to dry and attested and deeply significant. He ascended to lead captivity captive, to appear in God's presence for us in our are not very large, there is still provi- behalf and to prepare a place for us sion made for the guest, who may be that where he is we may be also a perfect stranger but who is welcome (Heb. 9:24, John 14:2). His presence now on high guarantees our presence with Serbians in the same way as it there hereafter (John 12:26, 14:3,

used to exist in the Scottish High- Rev. 3:21). III. The Present Place of Jesus, vv. small, as compared with agriculture | 9-11. While he talked with his discia settled policy, which until recent | walked "and was not" (Gen 5:24, Heb. classes. When Serbia comes to her ly have arisen in their minds, "When own again after the present war, much shall we have another interview with in the national life will be changed: him?" As that question arose behold the old order of things will have two were near to answer (v. 10) and passed away and the development of their answer was a practical one: other industries besides those associ- "Why stand looking into heaven?" ated with agriculture is certain to There are times to gaze and times to go. Now is the time to be fulfilling his command (vv. 4, 12) and not to be lost in wonder and speculation. But South Africa imports 60,000 feet of to cheer their hearts these men in white gave them, and us, a wonderful promise, viz., Jesus is coming back, Toronto Street Railwaymen union visibly, personally (the words of the original text are very plain and positive) and, as he was received in the

clouds, he will come in a cloud. This promise is and has always been the great hope of the church (Titus and materials are so strong that it is 2:13).

IV. The Place of Prayer, vv. 12-14. The disciples were bidden to tarry, to tarry at a specified place, Jerusalem. and to tarry at a specified place for a chip, but as usual in such instances particular purpose, viz., "power." They one passenger was aggressively, disobeyed. The empowering blessing can gustingly healthy. "Sick, eh?" he reonly be received through obedience marked to a pale-green person who (Acts 5:32). The time of waiting was was leaning on the rail. The pale-green

> was spent in prayer. The disciples had seen the risen and ascended Lord, had seen him disappear in the Shekinah glory beyond the cloud and their hearts were knit together in common prayer.

> not idly nor listlessly passed, for it

There was an overwhelming sense of their personal relations to him who had taught them during his earthly life and who continued to do and to teach after his resurrection.

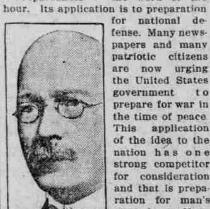
Jesus is yet, and shall ever more, be doing and teaching for and through those who love him, who look for his glorious appearing. Next Sunday's lesson is the record of the answer to their prayer.

Heaven Is What We Are. Heaven is, after all, more what we are than where we are. Character is its own best climate, and when we are nearest Christ in spirit and aim, hand hold fast by their father with we are most of all in glory. And if the other gather berries along the heaveen be in us before we are in edges; so you, gathering and hanheaven" our whole lives will radiate dling the goods of this world with hope and joy and love, and so prove one hand, must with the othe almost telling witnesses leading men ways hold fast the hand of your home to God in Christ .- Zion's Herald.

We would willingly have others perfect, and yet we amend not our own faults - Thomas a Kempis.

# Prepared-

TEXT-Prepare to meet thy God,-Amo Preparedness is the word of the



patriotic citizens are now urging the United States government to prepare for war in the time of peace This application of the idea to the nation has one strong competitor for consideration and that is prepa ration for man's eternal welfare The preparedness

first spoken of is in connection with a possible enemy of greater present military strength. God is very strong, and if it is possible for man to so act that he encounters God as an enemy, is he able to meet him?

Meeting God. What is it to meet God? Man meets God in his everyday obligations. Some of these are communal, while others are individual. Men are as communities and as individuals meeting God and they are enjoying or suffering the consequences. There is a certain meeting of God in death, the soul standing naked before him, and it is a very common expression in connection with the death of anyone to say, "He has gone to meet his God." When a judge in court sentences a prisoner to death he adds, "And may God have mercy on your soul." But the chief thing in mind is the meeting of God in the final judgment. Neither taking a chance, reformation, nor becoming religious will make this preparation; only belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior will do it.

The Outcome of Preparation. One outcome of such preparation will be an immediate blessing, the establishment of peace with God and the experience of the peace of God. There is the realization of man's true place in the universe. He was created in the image and likeness of God and he can never be "the whole of man," as indicated by the correct reading of Ecclesiastes 12:13, unless he believes in Jesus Christ. There is also deliverance from the power of death which while as a lion in the pathway it may terrify, is chained. This outcome means the ultimate, perfect individual and also the perfect social order. Man is not "whole" until he has a sound mind in a sound body, and both of these are the inheritance of the believer in Jesus Christ. A man who does not believe in Jesus Christ as his and when he was spending them in riotous living, and it was only when he came to himself; that is, when he resumed rationality and determined to return to his father's house, that he became of sound mind. This sound mind will also be in a sound body. It is the glory of the Christian religion that it promises a body that is incorruptible, powerful, honorable, glorious and like Christ's body. The blind, the deaf, the dumb, the deformed and those lacking members of the normal body, can certainly believe that they will have perfect bodies some day if they meet the conditions that God places on them.

When Shall Man Prepare? Many who acknowledge the necessity of preparation, put it off until off. er death, but while there is a most dangerous indifference to this fact on the part of those who theoretically profess it, it is true that preparation must be made before death. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." That preparation can be completely made now. But. says someone, "That is too rapid, that is practically miraculous, it is a creative act." Precisely so, and nothing less. There is no evolution in regeneration. Jesus, in his talk to Nicodemus, settled the matter of man's right relationship to God in speaking of it as a new birth. That preparation can be made this moment by believing in Jesus Christ.

Two soldiers in the trenches of Flanders, who were brothers and devout Christians, belonged to a regiment which had been ordered to make a charge upon the enemy. The commanding officers said that there would be a very serious business. The younger of the two brothers said to the other, as they went into the smoke and the smothering gases, "Brother, we may not see each other again, but it is all right." The older brother came back wounded, the name of the other was found in the list of those who had been killed, but he was prepared.

Luther's Trust in God.

Luther's entire reliance upon God, and his distrust of all human ways and means, is clearly set forth in the following passage from a letter to the German elector who befriended him:

"No sword can help in this affair. God must act alone without man's care or aid. Therefore who believes most will be of most protection here. And since I suspect your highness is still weak in faith I can by no means regard you as the man who can protect or rescue me. Since your highness desires to know what to do in this affair, and fancies you have done too little, I answer respectfully that you have already done altogether tor much, and should do nothing. . . If your highness believed, you would see the glory of God; but since you do not yet believe, you have as yet seen nothing. To God be love and honor forever. Amen!"-Christian Sci-

As a Little Child.

ence Monitor.

While you are in the world, imitate little children, who, as they with one heavenly Father.-Francis de Sales.

Don't be forecasting evil unless it is what you can guard against. Anxiety is good for nothing if we can't turn it into a defense,-Meyrick,



house at Poughkeepsie to procure the

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He found the judge in his back yard

sawing wood, and after explaining the

nature of the errand offered the re-

mark that the judge was indulging in

"Do you think so?" responded the

judge in an instant. "Well, you use

the saw while I go in and look over

The White Plains lawyer vows that

the judge took precisely the time to

look over his papers that it took him

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Technically He Proved It Was Correct, but One Wonders What the Boss Thought.

"I see you claim one hour's overtime, Bill," said the master of the mill. "How's that? I thought no one worked overtime this week." Bill passed a hoary hand across his

"Quite right, guv'nor," he replied "One hour's me due." The master regarded him suspi-

mouth

ciously. "Come, when was 't?" he inquired. "Last Thursday," replied Bill. "I was sent up to your own 'ouse to 'elp

shake the carpets." "Yes, I remember that distinctly," cut in the boss, "but you got off at six

sharp.' "Ah, that's true, guv'nor, as far as i goes," assented the man; "but the missus give me a 'alf a meat pie to take home, an' that there hour is for bringin' the dish back."

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are always organized-till that tyranny is in some measure broken, we shall than to resist the majority when he get few questions considered on their merits, and fail-s we are failingto bring the strong men into the cervtain it; to cherish liberty of thought ice of the state.-Whitelaw Reid,